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POLICY ON LIQUIDATION OF THE STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT

References: A. The Executive Order of 20 September 1945, subject: "Termination of the Office of Strategic Services and Disposition of Its Functions"

B. C.I.G. Directive No. 1

Pursuant to paragraph 1 of the letter from the President dated 22 January 1946 which designated this Authority as responsible for planning, developing and coordinating the Federal foreign intelligence activities so as to assure the most effective accomplishment of the intelligence mission related to the national security, the following policies and procedures relating to the liquidation of the Strategic Services Unit are announced:

1. The national interest demands that the complete liquidation of SSU shall not be accomplished until it is determined which of its functions and activities are required for the permanent Federal foreign intelligence program, and should therefore be transferred to *the Central Intelligence Group or* other agencies in order that its useful assets may not be lost. Such determination and transfers shall be made and the liquidation of the remainder of SSU shall be completed as promptly as possible and prior to 1 July 1947. The Director of Central Intelligence shall issue the necessary directives to effect the liquidation. He will make recommendations to this Authority as to the intelligence activities permanently required in the peace-time effort.

2. During the period of liquidation, the SSU should be administered and operated so as to service *to the extent practicable* the intelligence agencies subject to our coordination. The Director of Central Intelligence shall issue the necessary directives to the Director of SSU ~~(to ensure that this service is performed)~~ so as to accomplish this mission.

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3. The Director of Central Intelligence may direct the transfer to the ~~and~~ *unit under the Secretary of War* C.I.G. of personnel and facilities of SSU that are useful for the performance of authorized functions of the C.I.G. *funds.*

4. The War Department will take the necessary budgetary action to carry out this program.